

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 37 to 40 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter.

Please amend the claims to read as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A communication apparatus comprising:
  - a reception unit for receiving frame images generated from a plurality of communication terminals;
  - an output unit for outputting the frame images received by said reception unit in order to display the frame images on a display unit as multiple ~~images~~ image displays; and
  - a notification unit for acquiring and notifying of a state of frame rate of the frame images received by said reception ~~unit~~ unit;

wherein said notification unit causes the display unit to display an image information of the state of frame rate corresponding to each of the frame images received from the communication terminal, the image information being displayed on a predetermined area at a time when the received frame images are displayed, and

wherein said notification unit notifies of the state of frame rate by changing the image information so that a first image information is displayed when at least one of the received frame images ~~are~~ is displayed on a predetermined region and a next frame image on the predetermined region is updated ~~the displayed images are changed~~, a second image information is displayed in a period when at least one of the received frame images ~~are~~ is displayed on the predetermined region and a next frame image on the predetermined

~~region is not updated the displayed images are not changed~~, and neither the first or the second image information are displayed when the received frame images are not displayed.

2. to 4. (Cancelled).

5. (Previously Presented) A communication apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein changing the image information is a change in a state of display of an icon indicating a corresponding one of the plurality of communication terminals.

6. (Previously Presented) A communication apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said notification unit does not perform notification when the frame rate is high, and performs notification when the frame rate is reduced.

7. (Previously Presented) A communication apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said notification unit comprises one of flashing of an icon, display of character information, and display of numerals.

8. (Currently Amended) A communication method comprising the steps of:

receiving frame images generated from a plurality of communication terminals;

outputting the received frame images in order to display the images on a display unit as multiple ~~images~~ image displays; and

acquiring and notifying of a state of frame rate of the frame images received in said receiving step wherein said acquiring and notifying step causes the display unit to display an image information of the state of frame rate corresponding to each of the frame images received from the communication terminal, the image information being displayed on a predetermined area at a time when the received frame images are displayed, and

wherein said acquiring and notifying step notifies of the state of frame rate by changing the image information so that a first image information is displayed when at least one of the received frame images are is displayed on a predetermined region and a next frame image on the predetermined region is updated ~~the displayed images are changed~~, a second image information is displayed in a period when at least one of the received frame images are is displayed on the predetermined region and a next frame image on the predetermined region is not updated ~~the displayed images are not changed~~, and neither the first or the second image information are displayed when ~~the received frame~~ images are not displayed.

9. to 11. (Cancelled)

12. (Previously Presented) A communication method according to Claim 8, wherein changing the image information displayed on the display unit is a change in a state of display of an icon indicating a corresponding one of the plurality of communication terminals.

13. (Previously Presented) A communication method according to Claim 8, wherein the notification is not performed when the frame rate is high, and is performed when the frame rate is reduced.

14. (Original) A communication method according to Claim 8, wherein the notification comprises one of flashing of an icon, display of character information, and display of numerals.

15. (Currently Amended) A communication apparatus comprising:  
a reception unit for receiving a part or all of frame images generated from image generation units of a plurality of corresponding communication terminals by switching the frame images;

an output unit for outputting the frame images received by said reception unit in order to display the frame images on a display unit as multiple ~~images~~ image displays;

an assigning unit for assigning an arbitrary image display from among the multiple ~~images~~ image displays;

a control unit for controlling a state of outputting of the frame image assigned by said assigning unit; and

a notification unit for acquiring and notifying of a state of frame rate of the frame images received by said reception ~~unit~~ unit;

wherein said notification unit causes the display unit to display an image information of the state of frame rate corresponding to each of the frame images received

from the communication terminal, the image information being displayed on a predetermined area at a time when the received frame images are displayed, and

wherein said notification unit notifies of the state of frame rate by changing the image information so that a first image information is displayed when at least one of the received ~~frame~~ images are is displayed on a predetermined region and a next frame image on the predetermined region is updated the displayed images are changed, a second image information is displayed in a period when at least one of the received ~~frame~~ images are is displayed on the predetermined region and a next frame image on the predetermined region is not updated the displayed images are not changed, and neither the first or the second image information are displayed when ~~the received~~ frame images are not displayed.

16. to 18. (Cancelled)

19. (Previously Presented) A communication apparatus according to Claim 15, wherein changing the image information displayed on the display unit is a change in a state of display of an icon indicating a corresponding one of the plurality of communication terminals.

20. (Previously Presented) A communication apparatus according to Claim 15, wherein said notification unit does not perform notification when the frame rate is high, and performs notification when the frame rate is reduced.

21. (Previously Presented) A communication apparatus according to Claim 15, wherein said notification unit comprises one of flashing of an icon, display of character information, and display of numerals.

22. (Currently Amended) A communication method comprising the steps of:

receiving a part or all of frame images generated from image generation units of a plurality of corresponding communication terminals by switching the frame images;

outputting the received frame images in order to display the frame images on a display unit as multiple ~~images~~ image displays;

assigning an arbitrary image display from among the multiple ~~images~~ image displays;

controlling a state of outputting of the assigned frame image; and

acquiring and notifying of a state of frame rate of the frame images received in said receiving step wherein said acquiring and notifying step causes the display unit to display an image information of the state of frame rate corresponding to each of the frame images received from the communication terminal, the image information being displayed on a predetermined area at a time when the received frame images are displayed, and

wherein said acquiring and notifying step notifies of the state of frame rate by changing the image information so that a first image information is displayed when at least one of the received frame images are is displayed on a predetermined region and a next frame image on the predetermined region is updated ~~the displayed images are changed~~, a second image information is displayed in a period when at least one of the

received frame images ~~are~~ is displayed on the predetermined region and a next frame image on the predetermined region is not updated ~~the displayed images are not changed~~, and neither the first or the second image information are displayed when ~~the received~~ frame images are not displayed.

23. to 25. (Cancelled)

26. (Previously Presented) A communication method according to Claim 22, wherein changing the image information is a change in a state of display of an icon indicating a corresponding one of the plurality of communication terminals.

27. (Previously Presented) A communication method according to Claim 22, wherein said notification step is not performed when the frame rate is high, and is performed when the frame rate is reduced.

28. (Previously Presented) A communication method according to Claim 22, wherein said notification step comprises one of flashing of an icon, display of character information, and display of numerals.

29. (Currently Amended) A storage medium storing a program, said program comprising:

a reception process code for receiving frame images generated from a plurality of communication terminals;

an output process code for outputting the received frame images in order to display the frame images on a display unit as multiple ~~images~~ image displays; and

a notification process code for acquiring and notifying of a state of frame rate of the frame images received by said reception process code wherein said notification process code causes the display unit to display an image information of the state of frame rate corresponding to each of the frame images received from the communication terminal, the image information being displayed on a predetermined area at a time when the received frame images are displayed, and

wherein said notification process code notifies of the state of frame rate by changing the image information so that a first image information is displayed when at least one of the received frame images are is displayed on a predetermined region and a next frame image on the predetermined region is updated ~~the displayed images are changed~~, a second image information is displayed in a period when at least one of the received frame images are is displayed on the predetermined region and a next frame image on the predetermined region is not updated ~~the displayed images are not changed~~, and neither the first or the second image information are displayed when ~~the received~~ frame images are not displayed.

30. (Currently Amended) A storage medium storing a program, said program comprising:

a reception process code for receiving a part or all of frame images generated from image generation units of a plurality of corresponding communication terminals by switching the frame images;



an output process code for outputting the received frame images in order to display the frame images on a display unit as multiple ~~images~~ image displays;

an assigning process code for assigning an arbitrary image display from among the multiple ~~images~~ image displays;

a control process code of controlling a state for outputting of the assigned image display; and

a notification process code for acquiring and notifying of a state of frame rate of the frame images received by said reception process code wherein said notification process code causes the display unit to display an image information of the state of frame rate corresponding to each of the image displays ~~images received from the communication terminal~~, the image information being displayed on a predetermined area at a time when the received frames images are displayed, and

wherein said notification process code notifies of the state of frame rate by changing the image information so that a first image information is displayed when at least one of the received frame images are is displayed on a predetermined region and a next frame image on the predetermined region is updated ~~the displayed images are changed~~, a second image information is displayed in a period when at least one of the received frame images are is displayed on the predetermined region and a next frame image on the predetermined region is not updated ~~the displayed images are not changed~~, and neither the first or the second image information are displayed when ~~the received~~ frame images are not displayed.

31. (Currently Amended) A communication apparatus comprising:

a reception unit for receiving frame images generated from a communication terminal;

an output unit for outputting the frame images received by said reception unit in order to display the frame images on a display unit; and

a notification unit for acquiring and notifying of a state of reception of said reception unit, the state of reception comprising a state of frame rate of the frame images received by said reception unit while said reception unit is receiving the frame images;

wherein said notification unit causes the display unit to display an image information of the state of frame rate corresponding to each of the image displays images ~~received from the communication terminal~~, the image information being displayed on a predetermined area at a time when received frame images are displayed, and

wherein said notification unit notifies of the state of frame rate by changing the image information so that a first image information is displayed when at least one of the received frame images ~~are~~ is displayed on a predetermined region and a next frame image on the predetermined region is updated ~~the displayed images are changed~~, a second image information is displayed in the period when at least one of the received frame images ~~are~~ is displayed on the predetermined region and a next frame image on the predetermined region is not updated ~~the displayed images are not changed~~, and neither the first or the second image information are displayed when ~~the received~~ frame images are not displayed.

32. (Previously Presented) A communication apparatus according to Claim 31, wherein changing the image information is a change in a state of display of an icon indicating the corresponding communication terminal.

33. (Previously Presented) A communication apparatus according to Claim 31, wherein said notification unit does not perform notification when the frame rate is high, and performs notification when the frame rate is reduced.

34. (Previously Presented) A communication apparatus according to Claim 31, wherein said notification unit comprises one of flashing of an icon, display of character information, and display of numerals.

35. (Currently Amended) A communication method comprising the steps of:

receiving frame images generated from a communication terminal;

outputting the frame images received in said receiving step in order to display the frame images on a display unit; and

acquiring and notifying of a state of reception of said receiving step, the state of reception comprising a state of frame rate of the frame images received in said receiving step while said receiving step is receiving the frame images;

wherein said acquiring and notifying step causes the display unit to display an image information of the state of frame rate corresponding to each of the image displays ~~images received from the communication terminal~~, the image information being displayed on a predetermined area at a time when received frame images are displayed, and,

wherein said acquiring and notifying step notifies of the state of frame rate by changing the image information so that a first image information is displayed when at least one of the received frame images are is displayed on a predetermined region and a next frame image on the predetermined region is updated ~~the displayed images are~~

~~changed~~, a second image information is displayed in a period when at least one of the received frame images ~~are~~ is displayed on the predetermined region and a next frame image on the predetermined region is not updated ~~the displayed images are not changed~~, and neither the first or the second image information are displayed when ~~the received frame~~ images are not displayed.

36. (Currently Amended) A storage medium storing a program, said program comprising:

a reception code for receiving frame images generated from a communication terminal;

an output code for outputting the frame images received by said reception code in order to display the frame images on a display unit; and

a notification code for acquiring and notifying of a state of reception of said reception code, the state of reception comprising a state of frame rate of the frame images received in said reception code while said reception code is receiving the frame images

wherein said notification code causes the display unit to display an image information of the state of frame rate corresponding to each of the image displays images ~~received from the communication terminal~~, the image information being displayed on a predetermined area at a time when received frame images are displayed, and

wherein said notification code notifies of the state of frame rate by changing the image information so that a first image information is displayed when at least one of the received frame images ~~are~~ is displayed on a predetermined region and a next frame image on the predetermined region is updated ~~the displayed images are changed~~, a second image information is displayed in a period when at least one of the received frame images

are is displayed on the predetermined region and a next frame image on the predetermined region is not updated the displayed images are not changed, and neither the first or the second image information are displayed when the received frame images are not displayed.

37. to 40. (Cancelled)